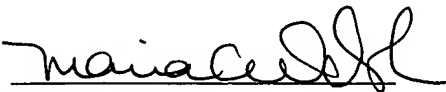


REMARKS

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, that Claims 22 and 44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have done so. Accordingly, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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